



## National Service in Wyoming



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN WYOMING

More than 990 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Wyoming. Serving at more than 190 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$2,850,000 to support Wyoming communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$1,370,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 280 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Wyoming. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the ServeWyoming, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 2,400 Wyoming residents have served more than 2.6 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$5,640,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 710 seniors in Wyoming contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,700 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 800 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 77 groups across Wyoming.

**Social Innovation Fund:** The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Wyoming, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$110,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Wyoming.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Wyoming At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
<b>AmeriCorps</b>					
AmeriCorps National	2	2	71	\$104,672	\$8,400 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	1	1	10	-	- <sup>4</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	5	15	\$84,675	\$195,000
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	7	181	\$287,044	\$611,363
AmeriCorps VISTA	3	5	3	\$16,935	\$48,111
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>\$493,326</b>	<b>\$862,874</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>					
Foster Grandparent Program	3	76	242	-	\$791,383
RSVP	1	77	360	-	\$67,917
Senior Companion Program	1	21	114	-	\$310,049
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,169,349</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>					
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$117,112
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$117,112</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>					
September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance	1	-	-	-	\$10,000
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>194 <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>996</b>	<b>\$493,326</b>	<b>\$2,359,335</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$2,852,661</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$1,374,684 <sup>6</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$4,227,345</b>

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Wyoming. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- Wyoming is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in McClellan, California. In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Jackson, Sheridan, Laramie.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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# National Service Impact in Wyoming

## AmeriCorps

The Wyoming Coalition Against Sexual Assault is dedicated to building communities where violence against women and children is not tolerated or ignored. The organization works to support and enhance the work of member programs and to provide leadership on issues relating to domestic violence and sexual assault. Fifteen full-time AmeriCorps members provide crisis intervention to adult and child victims, provide financial literacy education, and educate the community to develop a better awareness about domestic violence. In 2013, AmeriCorps members provided services to 594 victims of domestic violence, of which 475 accessed at least one important safety resource and 110 victims attended financial literacy courses.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC efforts have helped Wyoming State Parks provide excellent recreational and historic opportunities for Wyoming residents and visitors. AmeriCorps NCCC members' work has included repairing structures, trail building and maintenance, installing benches, preparing campsites, and felling trees. In one instance, an AmeriCorps NCCC team participated in a tree planting service at the Guernsey State park with local seventh graders, planting over 650 trees. With the benefit of NCCC assistance, Wyoming State Parks staff made progress towards their goal of creating 60 miles of new trail within five years, and benefitted from more free time to prepare for the busy summer season.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

Wyoming Independent Living Resources (WILR) is dedicated to the philosophy that every person, regardless of disability, deserves to experience dignity, safety, health and personal independence. In a partnership with AmeriCorps VISTA, WILR has embarked on building a sturdy framework to support a robust community volunteer program that will ultimately result in more consumers accessing information and referral, advocacy, peer support, and independent living skills services. AmeriCorps VISTA members are involved with the development of volunteer management and program evaluation materials, "Living Well with a Disability" volunteer training events, a consumer resource guide, a new database, and expanded community partnerships—all sustainable resources that will support Wyoming consumers.

## Senior Corps

The statewide Wyoming Senior Companion Program, sponsored by Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc., aided and empowered more than 700 geographically and socially-isolated older adults in Wyoming last year to live happy, healthy, and independent lives. These volunteers provide respite to family members, encourage clients to maintain relationships with friends and family, focus clients on their nutritional health, help clients build and maintain independent living skills, and bring the outside world into the homes of shut in clients. Following the loss of her beloved husband, one client remarked, "I am on a fixed income and just learning to drive. My companion is a lifesaver to me since I don't have a social circle now."

# AmeriCorps in Wyoming



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	280	11
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	191	12

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Casper	ServeWyoming (Completed) ServeWyoming - Wyoming Commission on National and Community Service	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Casper	Wyoming Free Tax Service (January 15, 2014 - Current) Wyoming Free Tax Service	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Casper	Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation, Inc (Completed) Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation, Inc	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	Affordable Housing Construction Support Teton County (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Habitat for Humanity - The Greater Teton Area	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Jackson	Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Program (Current) Teton Science Schools	58	AmeriCorps State Formula
Laramie	BBBS Mentoring and Capacity Building (Current) Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters	67	AmeriCorps State Formula
Laramie	Connecting Campus and Community (Completed) University of Wyoming **	105	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Laramie	GEAR UP Wyoming (Completed) University of Wyoming **	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Laramie	WY - University of Wyoming (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	-	AmeriCorps National
Laramie	Wyoming Advocate Corps (Current) Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	15	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Laramie	Wyoming Conservation Corps (Completed) University of Wyoming **	48	AmeriCorps State Formula
Laramie	Wyoming Conservation Corps (Current) University of Wyoming **	40	AmeriCorps State Formula
Moose	SCA Wyoming (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	71	AmeriCorps National
Rock Springs	Rock Springs Young At Heart (Current) Rock Springs Young At Heart	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sheridan	Affordable Housing Construction Support (February 7 - March 22, 2013) Habitat for Humanity - Eastern Bighorns	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
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Sheridan	Sheridan LINC'S VISTA Project (Current) Senior Citizens Council	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sheridan	Youth Development in Sheridan County (Completed) Sheridan County YMCA	11	AmeriCorps State Formula
Worland	Absaroka Head Start (Current) Absaroka, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Worland	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring (Current) Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
Worland	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming (Completed) Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming	-	AmeriCorps VISTA

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.  
The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Senior Corps in Wyoming



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	716	5
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Cheyenne	Cheyenne/ Southeast Wyoming FGP (Current) Peak Wellness Center, Inc.	88	Foster Grandparent Program
Cheyenne	Southern Wyoming Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Cheyenne Housing Authority	360	RSVP
Cheyenne	Wyoming State SCP (Current) Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc.	114	Senior Companion Program
Laramie	Cathedral Home For Children FGP (Current) Cathedral Home For Children	57	Foster Grandparent Program
Thermopolls	Northern Wyoming Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Northwestern Community Action Program, Inc.	97	Foster Grandparent Program

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

## Nonprofit Subgrantees in Wyoming

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Casper, WY	Community Health Center of Central Wyoming The John A. Hartford Foundation	